Data of unemployment in the country

7675. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:

SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any financial assistance has been given by Government to State Governments for the elimination of child labour; and

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Twelve National Child Labour Projects (NCLPs) are currently under implementation in the States of Andhra Pradesh. Bihar Maharahstra. Orissa, Rajasthan; UP and Tamil Nadu covering approximately 14,000 children. A major activity undertaken under the NCLPs is establishment of special schools to provide basic needs like non-formal education, vocational training, supplementary nutrition etc., to children withdrawn from work. Funds are released to the Project Societies and the NGOs implementing the National Child Labour Projects, No financial assistance has been given by the Government to State Governments for the elimination of child labour under the National Child Labour Policy, 1987—National Child Labour Projects Scheme of the Ministry of Labour.

In addition to the above, an allocation of Rs. 34.4 crores has been made by the Planning Commission for the current financial year to eliminate child labour in hazardous occupations, estimated at 20 lakhs, by the year 2000, in a phased manner.

Implementation of the Employment Exchange (Compulsory notification of vacanies) Act, 1959

7676. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the Employment Exchanges (Compulsory Notification of Vacancies) Act, 1959, recruitment in Government, Semi-Government, Public Undertakings, Corporations etc. are to be made through the employment exchanges only;

(b) whether Municipal Corporation of Delhi and Delhi Police are making recruitment directly instead of through employment exchanges;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to endorse the provisions of the Act and what action does it propose to take against the violator deparments?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) The recruitment in these organisations are made as per approved Recruitment, Rules. Where the posts are to be filled by Direct Recruitment, these are notified to concern Employment Exchages/SSC/UPSC.

(d) Employment Exchanges are under the administrative control of the State Government. They are to take action agaist the departments that violate the law. Central Government are not aware of any violation of the Act by any such organisations.

Kendu Leaf Workers in Orissa

7677. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state: (a) the approximate number of workers in Orissa dealing with plucking of Kendu leaf;

(b) whether those Kendu lent werkers have been demanding the payment of minimum wages to them and also some better facilities;

(c) if so, the steps taken to ensure minimum wages for them;

(d) the welfare measures proposed to be adopted for them; and

(e) the details thereof?